

## EXHIBIT A

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2                   SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
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5                   IN RE: TERRORIST ATTACKS : 03-MDL-1570  
6                   ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001         : ( GBD ) ( SN )  
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16                  Deposition, taken via Zoom, of JOHN  
17                  SIDEL, commencing at 7:02a.m., on the  
18                  above date, before Amanda  
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By Mr. Carter

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2                   kinds of more specialized  
3                   reportage on Southeast Asia and on  
4                   these organizations. It was  
5                   there.

6                   So in terms of al-Qaeda,  
7                   yes.

8 BY MR. CARTER:

9                   Q.       And did you conduct any  
10                  independent research, prior to serving as  
11                  an expert in this case, concerning those  
12                  allegations?

13                  A.       No. No, I'm not sure how I  
14                  would have done so.

15                  Q.       Professor Sidel, as I  
16                  understand the description of your  
17                  qualifications, you are an expert on  
18                  Southeast Asia and political conditions  
19                  and violence in the Philippines and  
20                  Indonesia; is that correct?

21                  A.       Yes.

22                  Q.       Do you consider yourself an  
23                  expert on al-Qaeda?

24                  A.       No.

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CERTIFICATE

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I, Amanda Maslynsky-Miller, Certified  
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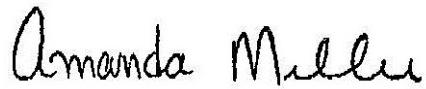
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JOHN SIDEL

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to before me this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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